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## **RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 17, 2004, applicant elects

Invention I (claim 1) drawn to a method of fabricating a multi-fiber polarization-

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maintaining fiber assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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